

The Avalanche

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POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

President Cleveland is using his influence in favor of the Morrison-Hewitt tariff bill.

"Powdery says Irons must be responsible for his own acts; the order will not defend him."

A "veterans' rights union" has been established for G. A. R. men to boycott politicians who are not willing to give soldiers their due.

Geo. A. Newell, publisher of the Inspiring Iron Agitator, has been notified that he must exercise care in the matter of referring to the Knights of Labor, or a boycott will ensue.

The Board of Supervisors of Clare County stands 9 republicans, 1 democrat, 1 greenbacker and 1 prohibition democrat; this last is something about as common as a white blackbird.

"Gov. Foraker of Ohio lately sent a message to the legislature calling attention to the manner in which rich citizens avoid taxation. The wives of these people now boycott Mrs. Foraker by refusing to attend her receptions."

It is now stated that Gen. Grant's family, so well pleased are they with the success of his war history, have decided to publish his private letters written in all places and on all manner of subjects, and his private diary of his journey around the world. Col. Fred Grant will edit them.

It is not necessary for widows to make formal application or surrender their certificate in order to obtain the increased pension allowance under the recent law. Commissioner Black has instructed pension agents to pay pensioned widows the full amount of \$12 per month.

The princely way in which Congressman Fisher of the ninth district rolled his barrel into the political arena, in the last campaign has dazzled the democratic editors, and forgetting how they abused Alger because he is rich, they are industriously booming Fisher for governor.—*St. Johns Republican*.

The republicans elected 108 officers and the demo-greenback combination, 73 last week in Clinton county. The returns indicate that the prohibitionists and greenbacks are returning to the republican party, as many have become disgusted with the bogus promises of the Cleveland administration.—*St. Johns Republican*.

The Bay City Tribune says: "A long neglected history is about to be performed. It is semi-officially reported that the president is about to marry. A young Buffalo girl is to be made mistress of the White House. Of course she is a lovely young creature, and thinks the old man just too good for anything." That is, if he never allows it to happen again.

It is the duty of all Knights of Labor to do their utmost to prevent a strike here this spring. All differences between labor and capital can and should be settled by arbitration. That is the doctrine of the order, that is what Mr. Powderly insists upon, and that is good sense.—*Grand Rapids Leader*.

The Oscoda Outline says: "The withdrawal of the nomination of O. W. Powers of Kalamazoo as United States Judge for the territory of Utah by the President, was a bad set back for Don M. Dickinson, who had set his heart on having Powers confirmed." The elections this spring have given him and the democratic party a worse setback than the withdrawal of Powers and they perceive it.

An extensive dealer in potatoes writes to the Traverse Herald as follows: "I bought 30,000 bushels last fall and certainly ought to know what is the most profitable variety to handle. I would advise all growers to discard the Rose, both early and late; they have past their usefulness and have run out. I have had trouble for the past two years with them; they eat real husks, and are not the potato they were three years ago; and those potatoes named Clarks number one and number two are not good for market, neither are White Elephants any good for market. I am not speaking for Chicago's market only; but was in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore in February last; and found the same expression there among dealers."

The best varieties for farmers to raise in this country, are Early Ohio for an early potato, for late potatoes the Burbanks, Snowflakes, White Star and Peerless. I intend buying more extensively than ever next fall; and I would not contract Elephants, Clarks number one or two or Rose, late or early, if they were offered me at 10 cents per bushel."

WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, April 5, '86.

ED. AVALANCHE.—President Cleveland's sick Cabinet is in different stages of convalescence. His private secretary, Col. Lamont, who has been sick, and who is sometimes called the President, you know, because he is thought by many to be the master spirit of the firm in everything but name, could ill be spared from his official post, and is at work again.

Since it is conceded that Mr. Manning, even if he should recover, will never again venture to return to the head of the Treasury Department, gossip is afloat as to his probable successor. One of the latest rumors is that the wealthy Pennsylvania Congressman, Mr. Scott, will be the man.

The lower House of Congress has been on strike during the greater part of the week, and it was not until after a four days debate and a good deal of opposition, that the Labor Arbitration bill was passed. Representative Farquhar, of New York, who is the chief Executive of the Typographical union of this country, objected to the bill, but announced that he was willing to vote for it, as its friends were anxious to give it a trial. He stated that he and Mr. Fournier, of Ottawa, were the only two representatives of skilled labor in this country who hold seats in the House; the only two men entitled to speak for two great unions of skilled mechanics.

You may be interested to learn that the White House is to have a new roof, and that there is some probability of having a new White House, or an annex to the "President's House," as Miss Cleveland characterizes the Executive Mansion in her invitations to lunch.

A bill providing for an extension of the life of the old edifice was introduced by Senator Morill and passed by the Senate four years ago. Recently it has been reintroduced by him. It appropriates \$300,000 for a southern addition to the present structure, of similar exterior character, and connected with it at the center by a broad corridor. The old edifice would be occupied as executive offices and for public use, and the extension for the private residence.

It has long been a cherished wish of the senior Senator from Vermont to provide a more suitable residence for the Presidents of the United States. He holds that the present building which has been occupied since 1800, has long been inadequate to the uses required. Our population is ten times greater than when the old house was new. There are thirty-one rooms in it, but the family dining room and six chambers are all that belong exclusively to the President's family. The public business has grown until it requires as much space as the entire house would afford. Senator Morill thought that the site being free of expense, the whole cost would be comparatively small. Said he: "There are no local constituents pushing members here to remedy the notorious deficiency in the White House, but I expect to see the bill pass, as it has merits equal to or greater than those of any of the bills for buildings in which the constituents of members have interest."

But Mr. Morill's scheme will encounter much opposition. There are several Senators and a dozen or two members of the Lower House who argue that because men can be found who will gladly accept the Presidential office and reside in the old White House, there is no need of other accommodations. Unquestionably there are scores of alleged statesmen who would be glad to be installed as master of the Mansion as it stands, but that is a doubtful argument against the proposed annex.

On account of the unsanitary construction of the old edifice, and the impossibility of introducing it to certain modern improvements, it has been suggested that it be demolished and an entirely new structure be reared on the site. That will never be done until we turn iconoclasts. For its historic value and by reason of its associations, the old house will be left intact.

There will be various opinions as to whether a new Mansion or an annex is justifiable, but it must be admitted there is no useless extravagance connected with this new roof that is projected over the President's head. The old one leaks. It has been in service since the early history of the house and of late years the operation of telegraph and telephone lines on the roof have necessitated almost constant repairs.

A Land Office Fight.

Every day that passes now is expected to bring two important pieces of news from Washington. First who will get the post office here, and next where the land offices are to be located. The first is of intense local interest; the latter is of importance in the state at large. It was quietly whispered here yesterday that the name of Geo. Washington would go to the president today. But so far as heard, it did not. There will be bad blood now no matter what Mr. Fisher does.

The land office, however, a pleasant thing for Mr. Fisher and his friends to think of. There is a story in connection with this that is not generally known. Mr. Fisher had been in Washington only a short time when J. Maurice Finn, a bright young attorney of Grayling, sprung a scheme up

on him to move the land office from East Saginaw to Grayling. This showed Mr. Fisher that nearly three-fourths of all the public lands in lower Michigan are located within a radius of 50 miles of Grayling, and also that within the same distance are 3,300 settlers who yet have business with the land office.

Fisher comprehended the situation at a glance and saw the justice of removing the office to the most central point. In bringing the matter to the attention of Commissioner McFarland, Fisher urged the propriety of merging the land offices at Detroit, at Reed City and at East Saginaw into one. This was readily conceded. Maybury, Tarsney and Cutcheon, of course, were not delighted at the prospect of losing an office each from the districts they represent, and then, too, Fisher had refused to go into the "syndicate."

The result was that they approved of plan which Commissioner McFarland suggested, of consolidating the three offices at Lansing.

When Fisher heard of this he made a descent upon the commissioner's office and is said to have made such a vigorous assault upon McFarland that the latter was glad to escape without bodily injury. Fisher is said to have represented his 3,300 settler constituents, rugged and barefooted, unable to go to Lansing to settle up for their homesteads. When he finished he vowed with a terrible oath that the office should go to Grayling, even if he were compelled to precipitate a national struggle to accomplish his end. Although no announcement has yet been made, it is generally felt that the office will go to Grayling instead of Lansing. Every one of those 3,300 settlers is deeply interested in having the office come to this district. If Fisher is successful he will have made a whole host of friends in the backwoods counties over which they are spread.—*Det. News*.

The New York central labor union has decided that a united demand for the adoption of the eight hour system on May 1st, would be unwise.

Bucklin's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Irritations and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box.

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J. J. Atkins, Chief of Police, Kalkaska, Mich., writes: "My family and I are beneficiaries of your most excellent medicine, Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. We are all well and you can rest for it, desire to testify to its virtue. My friends to whom I have recommended it, praise it at every opportunity." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is guaranteed to cure Consumption, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Croup and every affection of Throat and Lungs.

Trial Bottles Free at N. H. TRAYER'S Drug Store. Large size \$1.00.

Brace Up.

You are feeling depressed, you appear to be poor, you are bothered with Headache, you are fidgety, nervous, and generally out of sorts, and want to brace up. Brace up, but not with stimulants, spring medicines or bitters, which have for their basis cheap, bad whisky, and which stimulate you for an hour, and then leave you in worse condition than before. What you want is an alternative that will purify your blood, start healthy action of the Liver and Kidneys, restore your vitality, and give renewed health and strength. Such a medicine you will find in Electric Bitters, and only 50 cents a bottle at N. H. TRAYER'S Drug Store.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

THIS PAPER IS IN Philadelphia at the November Auction, through the Agency of Messrs. H. W. AVERSON, our authorized agents.

Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE, REED CITY, MICH.—NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settlers have filed a claim for the land in the name of the Clerk of Crawford County, for the S. 1/4 of Sec. 27, Twp. 43, N. R. west. He names the following witnesses to prove his claim: residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz.: John H. Hartman and Peter H. Bradley of Jack Pine Post Office, George L. Funsch and Joseph L. Funsch of Roscommon Post Office, and David L. Hartman, Post Office, and Nathaniel Clark, Register.

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J. C. HANSON, Local Editor.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

Salling, Hanson & Co.'s Price List.

[Corrected Weekly.]

Oats No. 2 white, per bushel, 41 cents.

May, No. 1, per ton, \$16.50.

Steel, per ton, 25.00.

Iron, per ton, 30.00.

Wheat, per ton, 25.00.

Flour, per barrel, 5.50.

Oil, Butter Peacock, per barrel, 5.50.

Excelsior, per barrel, 5.50.

Extra Fancy, per barrel, 4.50.

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Extra Fancy, per barrel, 10.00.

Milk, per barrel, 1.00.

Dried Beef, per pound, 9.00.

Hams, per pound, 13 cents.

Bacon, per pound, 8 cents.

Butter, per pound, 7 cents.

Extra Butter, per pound, 6 cents.

Dried Beef, per pound, 16 cents.

Chocolates, butter, per pound, 24.

Fresh eggs, one dozen, 14 cents.

Flour, per barrel, 1.00.

Meat, ground, per pound, .35 cents.

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Flint's Golden Rio, per pound, 25 cents.

Flint's Aracaba, per pound, 25 cents.

Flint's Aracaba, per pound, 20 cents.

Sugar, granulated, per pound, 7 cents.

Sugar, Extra C. & F., per pound, 7.25 cents.

Sugar, granulated, per pound, 10 cents.

Sugar, powdered, per pound, 10 cents.

Oil, water-white, per gallon, 20 cents.

Beeswax, per pound, 1.00.

Tea, green, per bushel, 2.00.

Syrup, maple, per gallon, 1.00.

Molasses, per gallon, .65 cents.

Molasses, per gallon, .35 cents.

Advertise in the AVALANCHE.

Buy your groceries at Finn's.

A good wool Man's Hat, for 35 cents

at Joseph & Pinkous'.

Subscribe for the AVALANCHE.

Boys Suits, beautiful goods, only

\$1.75 at Joseph & Pinkous'.

Pay for the AVALANCHE.

Alabastine white and in tints at

Traver's Drug Store.

Mrs. John Leline, of South Branch,

is on the sick list.—Ros. News.

Wood wanted on subscription at

this office.

Good Standard Prints, 3 cents a

yard, at Joseph & Pinkous'.

For Job-Work of all kinds call at the

AVALANCHE office.

White table linen, 45 inches wide, at

18 cents a yard, at Joseph & Pinkous'.

Great bargains in clothing at J. M.

Finn's.

Good Standard Ginghams, 3 cents a

yard, at Joseph & Pinkous'.

Call and examine the Racine Fan

ning Mill, for sale by O. Palmer.

Best cotton Shirting only 8 cents a

yard, at Joseph & Pinkous'.

C. A. Ingerson, tired of city life,

moved back to his farm last Saturday.

Indigo Prints 8 cents per yard at

Joseph & Pinkous'.

If you want a first class cook stove

don't buy until you have seen those at

Finn's.

Embroideries, from one cent up, at

Joseph & Pinkous'.

The pathmaster is busily engaged in

cleaning off the rubbish from the

streets of Grayling.

Look at the \$3.50 men's suits, at

Joseph & Pinkous'.

20 new styles carpets just received at

Traver's Furniture Rooms. Call and

examine them.

Gents, buy you Furnishing Goods

at Finn's. He has the largest line in

town.

Gold-Toweling, 4 cents per yard, at

Joseph & Pinkous'.

Remember that Salling, Hanson &

Co. always carry a full line of Hard-

ware which can be had at lowest rates.

Alabastine, the cheapest and

best wall finish, at Traver's Drug

Store.

Good working Pants, for 75 cents, at

Joseph & Pinkous'.

Inquire of O. J. Bell, if you want a

desirable village lot. He will give

bargains that will astonish the nation.

Mrs. Mitchell is selling off what was

left of her last Summer Hats, at cost

to make room for new ones.

We will furnish our subscribers with

the Century for \$3.50, and St. Nicho-

las for \$2.50.

Salling, Hanson & Co. are selling

Straw Hats at half price. Call and

get one while you have a chance.

The Five-Lake Comet offers to take

eggs on subscription. This is an eggs

extraordinary offer.

Cotton 36 inches wide good quality

for 5 cents a yard, at Joseph & Pink-

ous'.

2,000 new styles wall paper, just re-

ceived at Traver's Furniture Rooms.

Call and see them.

G. W. Wilcox is still running his

camp near Cheney full blast.—Ros.

News.

The largest stock of Window Shades

and Fixtures ever brought to Grayling

at Traver's Furniture Rooms. Call

and inspect them.

A change in the weather and a

change in the prices, at the store of

Joseph & Pinkous'.

Miss Sarah Collins has returned

from her visit to friends in Southern

Michigan.

O. Palmer left on Tuesday night for

Jackson, to attend the state engag-

ement of the G. A. R. He will also

visit other points in southern Michi-

gan before returning.

Miss Williams moved into the building owned by the American Express Co. on Michigan Avenue, last Monday.

Just received a stock of new Spring Millinery, direct from New York, at Mrs. Mitchell's.

FOR DYSPEPSIA and Liver Complaint, you have a printed guarantee on every bottle of Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. It never fails to cure.

A NASAL INJECTOR free with each bottle of Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. Price 50 cents. For sale by N. H. Traver.

Walter Burritt is building a residence on Park Street, within a block of Michigan Avenue.

The board of Supervisors met on last Monday, pursuant to call, T. E. Hastings, of Beaver Creek, was elected Chairman.

Ladies' & children's Hats, from 30 cts. up, at Mrs. Mitchell's Millinery Emporium.

J. J. Cornely, of Roscommon County, was in town on Monday, and made us a pleasant call.

Dress goods, all styles, 3 cents a yard, and upwards, at Joseph & Pinkous'.

Land Plaster, Lime &c.

At BENNETT & HARTS,

Roscommon Mich.

Rustic and Twisted Banner Rods, Key Boards, Chain, Hooks, &c., &c., at Mrs. Mitchell's Millinery Emporium.

"HACKNETTACK," a lasting and fragrant perfume. Price 25 and 50 cents.

SHILOH'S CURE will immediately relieve Croup, Whooping Cough and Bronchitis, for sale by N. H. Traver.

C. B. Johnson has moved back to his farm, and is now a "Knight of Labor."

O. Palmer, on last Monday, purchased the bakery formerly run by J. J. Cornely, of Roscommon.

Any outsider who buys goods, five dollars worth and above, gets his fare paid back, at Joseph & Pinkous'.

Spring Harrows, mounted on wheels for sale by O. Palmer. Call and examine them.

White and Colored Mulls, Embroidery Nets, Wash Blonds, Illusions &c., &c., you can find at Mrs. Mitchell's.

J. M. Finn reports the Furniture trade just booming. It is the extra inducements he has offered that produces the rush.

WHY WILL YOU cough when Shiloh's Cure will give immediate relief. Price 10 cts., 50 cts. &c.

SHILOH'S CATARRH REMEDY a positive cure for Catarrh, Diaphtheria and Cancer Mouth. For sale by N. H. Traver.

Easter services will be held at the M. E. Church, on next Sabbath morning, at the usual hour.

Armsen, Chenille, Filo, Floss, Crewel, Zephyr, Knitting Silks, Embroidery C. & L., Linen Floss, &c., &c. at Mrs. Mitchell's.

Dr. E. F. Thatcher is remodeling and otherwise improving the residence lately purchased by him on Peninsular Avenue.

Mr. Joseph Churchill, (of Black River), has sold his house to Rev. Geo. S. Weir, and will move to Port Huron before long.

The dry-house erected by Salling, Hanson & Co. is a complete success, and from the demand made on them for dry lumber, will be taxed to its utmost capacity to supply it.

The town board at its last meeting appointed J. O. Hadley and Henry Manitz members of the Board of Re-

view, and Dr. F. F. Thatcher, health officer.

The Otsego County Independent has suspended publication for the purpose of making needed changes and improvements. Happy Independent, to be able to give its editor a holiday in such a way without damage.—Detroit News.

Ezra King, of Grayling, has put in 3,000,000 feet of logs in the Manistee, ten miles from that place, for the Manistee Lumber Company, and Mr. King is now engaged in lumbering for Wanley, Remington & Co. He is putting 120,000 feet for them, into the South Branch of the Au Sable. —Ros. News.

Salling, Hanson

NEWS CONDENSED.

Concise Record of the Week.

EASTERN.

The failure of Roger Brothers, of Bristol, Pa., proprietors of very extensive flouring mills, is announced. Their liabilities are over \$200,000. Assets unknown.

The Hon. John Welsh, Minister to England under the Hayes administration, died at Philadelphia last week.

Sir Thaddeus Fairbanks, inventor of the Fairbanks scale, died at St. Johnsbury, Vt., in his 90th year. Mr. Fairbanks was born in Dedham, Mass., and emigrated to St. Johnsbury, Vt., when 15 years old. After working in a saw and grist mill he started an iron foundry in 1823, making newly invented styles of cooking-stoves and cast-iron plows, the first iron plowshares ever made. He invented, in succession, a lamp-dresser, a steam-heating apparatus, an arrangement of refrigerators which has everywhere been adopted, and finally the famous scale. For the last invention he was made a Knight of the Imperial Order of Francis Joseph by the Emperor of Austria in 1873.

Dr. J. H. Arnett, Superintendent of the American Express Company, died at Niagara Falls from an apoplectic stroke.

Five hundred school-boys at Troy, New York, struck for a single daily session of four hours, threw stones and mud at the police, and forced the School Board to listen to a statement of grievances.

The late Ann Jane Mercer of Philadelphia, bequeathed her estate in Montgomery County, with buildings, furniture, horses, etc., for the establishment of a home for aged and infirm clergymen of the Presbyterian faith, who do not use tobacco in any form, and set aside a sum of \$103,000 to maintain the establishment.

At New York warrants were issued for twelve of the Aldermen supposed to have been corruptly connected with the Broadway Surface Railway legislation. Ten of the "suspects" were arrested and gave bail in the sum of \$25,000 each. Another surrendered and was also released on bonds. The twelfth man, Reilly, is thought to have fled.

John H. Noyes, founder of the Oneida Community, died at his home in Niagara Falls.

Two flowing oil-wells have been developed in the Grand Valley District, ten miles from Thunderville, where prospectors are flocking in great numbers.

A rabid dog on the railway track near Riverdale, N. Y., pursued and bit Miss Amelia Morosini, a daughter of Jay Gould's partner.

A car-load of young oaks taken from Culpeper Hill, on the battlefield of Gettysburg, was planted on the grounds of the Soldiers' Home at Erie, Pa., by the crippled inmates last week.

WESTERN.

John M. Rountree, a well-known lawyer and club member, killed himself with a revolver in a Chicago gun store. He had been suffering from dyspepsia for some time and melancholia had ensued; and it was while suffering from an acute attack of the latter that he committed suicide.

At Golconda, Ill., John Randolph, ex-County Treasurer, shot and killed T. M. Thomas, a deputy Sheriff, in a dispute about a lawsuit.

It is said that several hundred mining experts and capitalists of Michigan are about to start from the Upper Peninsula for Alaska, on account of representations made by Governor Swineford.

A Republican Valley Railroad train was wrecked near Okeo, Neb., two coaches leaving the track and plunging into Blue River. Fortunately the cars burst open in their decent, permitting the rescue of the occupants. A little girl was killed, a baby fatally hurt, and fourteen other persons were more or less injured.

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POLITICAL.

Joseph Pulitzer has resigned his seat in Congress, from New York, as his newspaper, *The World*, demands his whole attention.

At Effingham, Ill., Mrs. H. B. Keppley ran against her husband for School Trustee and "knocked him out," receiving a majority of twelve votes.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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A hurricane in Northwest Dakota

killed a number of cattle, and leveled large trees along the river bank.

The farmers throughout Clinton County, Indiana, have discovered millions of grasshoppers in a chrysotil state.

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A large delegation of Mormon women is at the Capitol trying to influence Congressional legislation in behalf of the women of Utah.

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